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REPORT.

Selectmen's Department.

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Joseph A. Batchelder, as Selectman and Assessor, .	\$40 00
Samuel Peabody, " "	45 00
O. L. Carleton, " "	32 00
Oscar Cram, as Constable.....	20 00
O. L. Carleton, as Treasurer.....	25 00
Joseph A. Batchelder, as Town Clerk.....	8 00
Hiram A. Stiles, as School Committee.....	28 00
Martin J. Cheney, " "	32 50
Cyrus K. Wilkins, " "	26 00
Andrew W. Peabody, collecting taxes.....	71 62
Joseph A. Batchelder, auditing accounts, 1876....	6 00
Samuel Peabody, " " "	6 00
Jesse W. Peabody, " " "	6 00
Joseph A. Batchelder, recording marriages, births and deaths.....	12 15
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	\$358 27

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Ward 1, Levi Curtis, Surveyor.	Appropriation..	215 00
2, Jas. A. Hutchinson, "	" ..	180 00
3, Jason Richardson, "	" ..	91 75
4, Otis L. Wilkins, "	" ..	75 00
5, John F. Richardson, "	" ..	90 00
6, Moses Peabody, "	" ..	100 00
7, K. F. Richardson, "	" ..	80 00
8, B. W. Peabody, "	" ..	137 00
9, Samuel M. Peabody, "	" ..	80 00
10, Sylvanus Flint, "	" ..	80 00

Affa Nichols, gravel.....	3 18
M. J. Emerson, labor and nails on bridge.....	10 54
F. O. Carleton, labor on bridge.....	2 00
S. M. Peabody, labor and lumber on bridge.....	8 25
Calvin Putnam, lumber for bridges.....	128 60
Lawrence Lumber Co., lumber for bridge.....	23 54
Benj. W. Peabody, labor on bridge.....	25 00
Moses Peabody, ".....	44 50
M. J. Emerson, ".....	3 00
W. A. Phelps, labor and railing.....	3 68
Calvin Putnam, lumber for bridge.....	4 42
S. W. Weston, cedar posts.....	1 50
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	\$1,386 96

SNOW BILLS.

Ward 1, Levi Curtis, 1878.....	\$12 00
2, Jas. A. Hutchinson, ".....	15 00
3, Jason Richardson, ".....	18 75
4, Otis L. Wilkins, ".....	10 80
5, J. F. Richardson, ".....	7 60
5, G. H. Tufts, ".....	2 00
5, David Richardson, ".....	6 50
5, H. A. Stiles, ".....	2 50
6, Moses Peabody ".....	22 85
7, K. F. Richardson, ".....	17 50
8, B. W. Peabody, ".....	17 20
8, P. I. Gould, ".....	17 50
8, G. P. Wilkins, ".....	14 20
8, Francis Peabody, ".....	3 00
8, Austin C. Peabody, ".....	4 30
10, Sylvanus Flint, ".....	5 00
Austin C. Peabody, 1876.....	7 20
Joseph P. Gould, 1874.....	3 75
Aaron Jenkins, 1876.....	5 00
John Curtis, 1876.....	4 80
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	\$197 45

STATE AID ACCOUNT.

Orders drawn from March 1, 1877 to Feb. 1, 1878, \$176 00

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Foote and Horton, printing town and school reports	\$44 47
Henry F. White, services as Fish Committee.....	10 00
Addison Tyler, care of cemetery and recording deaths	10 00
Robin Damon, printing notices.....	1 85
John W. Dempsey, labor on cemetery.....	69 11
Farnham Stiles, care of weights and measures....	1 50
Danvers Water Board, 3 hydrants, gates and pipes.	242 47
W. A. Phelps, repairing town hall fence.....	50
S. Harvey Dow, repairs on Town Hall.....	5 36
S. Harvey Dow, supplies for Hall.....	53 65
S. Harvey Dow, care of Hall.....	98-50
Henry A. Wilkins & Son, nails for bridge.....	1 08
Cogswell & Co., expressage.....	3 05
Samuel A. Fletcher, services as janitor Town Hall.	4 85
Samuel A. Fletcher, oil, cash paid for grate.....	3 90
Samuel Peabody, perambulating line, journey to Danvers	1 85
Samuel Peabody, journey to Lawrence and car fare	1 90
Joseph A. Batchelder, perambulating line.....	1 00
Joseph A. Batchelder, journey to Saugus and car fare	3 20
Joseph A. Batchelder, postage, stationery and cash paid	2 50
L. O. Carleton, horse hire.....	3 00
Abatements of taxes.....	29 41
Amount of interest paid.....	795 92
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	\$1,386 07

School Department.

CENTRE SCHOOLS.

A. E. Rollins, teaching Grammar School 36 weeks	\$468 00
Ada H. Wilkins, teach'g Intermediate School 36 w.	288 00
Olive R. Graves, teaching Primary School 36 w'ks.	288 00
Potter, Batchelder & Co., coal.....	40 25
A. E. Rollins, services as janitor 24 weeks.....	39 41
F. S. Flint, sawing wood.....	1 25
Jeremiah Fuller, wood.....	4 97
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	\$1,129 88

NORTH SCHOOL.

L. Gertude McIntire, teaching 36 weeks.	\$288 00
H. A. Stiles, wood and sawing wood....	10 00
Farnham Stiles, wood.....	17 50
Flint Estey, sawing wood.....	6 25
J. W. Ogden, care of fires.....	2 00
G. E. Soper, care of fires.....	6 50
J. S. Ogden, care of fires.....	2 50—\$332 75

EAST SCHOOL.

F. P. Thayer, teaching 36 weeks.....	\$336 00
J. B. Thomas & Co., wood.....	15 00
G. H. Wilkins, services as janitor.....	10 00
G. H. Wilkins, sawing wood.....	5 25—\$366 25
Balance due the schools.....	181 86
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	\$2,010 74

Balance due the schools last year.....	\$199 11
Town appropriation for schools.....	1,500 00
Cash received from State school fund..	221 10
Cash received from dog licenses.....	90 53—\$2,010 74

INCIDENTAL SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Robin Damon, school cards.....	\$ 5 50
G. F. French, repairing school-house.....	4 60
Mary Cook, cleaning centre school-house.....	16 15
Mary Lever, cleaning north school-house.....	5 00
S. P. Batchelder, use of spring, 2 years.....	10 00
William Lever, use of well.....	3 00
Afia Nichols, use of well.....	3 00
M. J. Cheny, bell, postage and stationery.....	1 57
T. Hoyt & Co., school supplies.....	19 23
C. K. Wilkins, repairs on school-house and cash paid	4 55
H. A. Wilkins & Sons. school supplies.....	8 17
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	\$80 77

Overseers' Department.

EXPENSE OF SUPPORTING THE POOR.

B. P. Richardson, lodging 29 tramps.....	\$ 15 36
Timothy Donovan, lodging 607 tramps.....	303 50
Thomas Hoyt & Co., supplies for Martha Kimball.	130 00
.. .. Mrs. S. McIntire	52 00
H. A. Stiles, wood for Mrs. Stephen McIntire....	3 33
.. .. Mrs. Bird.....	4 00
T. Hoyt & Co., supplies for G. W. Daniels....	94 01
J. Fuller, wood	21 75
Asa Howe, house rent	30 00
A. W. Peabody, supplies	18 72
Dr. Phelps, medical attendance	65
Robin Damon, printing tramp orders.....	2 00
Town of Peabody, board of Israel Estey.....	66 11
Addison Tyler, burial	5 00
J. H. Allen, coffin	15 00
City of Lawrence, aid rendered Catherine Gillispie	125 25
.. .. Lynn. .. Mrs. Chas. Peabody	48 75
.. .. Salem, .. H. Mansfield....	15 87
.. .. Haverhill, .. Benj. W. Peabody	21 97
Town of Danvers Richard Tierannan	126 72
Timothy Donovan, board for John Gillispie.....	8 25
T. Hoyt & Co., clothing	4 50
A. W. Peabody, postage, express, car fare, horse hire	3 11
.. .. services as Overseer.....	42 00
B. Howe, car fare.....	3 10
.. .. cash paid for medicine.....	50
.. .. services as Overseer.....	8 40
J. W. Dempsey, car fare.....	2 40
.. .. services as Overseer.....	3 00

\$1,175 25

Due from N. Reading, for Mrs. McIntire	\$55 33
.. .. Mrs. Bird..	4 00
.. .. N. Andover .. M. Kimball.	130 00
Unsettled bills of last year paid.....	45 00
.. .. next	101 50
Whole cost of supporting the poor....	1,042 42

\$1,276 75 \$1,276 75

Summary of Expenses.

Town Officers' Bills.....	\$ 358 27
Highways and Bridges.....	1,386 96
Removing Snow.....	197 45
State Aid Account.....	176 00
Miscellaneous Bills.....	1,386 07
Appropriation for Schools.....	1,811 63
Incidental School Expenses.....	80 77
Expense of Supporting the Poor.....	1,042 42
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	\$6,439 57

In accordance with a vote of the town, the Selectmen submit the following estimate of the sums necessary to be raised by taxation to defray the ordinary expenses of the town the ensuing year;—

Current Expenses.....	\$2,000 00
Reduction of Town Debt.....	700 00
Interest on Town Debt.....	675 00
Schools.....	1,400 00
Highways.....	800 00
Bridges.....	100 00
Cemetery.....	50 00
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	\$5,725 00

O. L. CARLETON, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT CURRENT
WITH THE TOWN OF MIDDLETON, FOR THE
YEAR ENDING FEB. 20. 1878.

	Dr.	
To balance in Treasury, March 1, 1877.....	\$3,592 69	
To cash of B. P. Richardson.....	3 00	
A. W. Peabody.....	4 00	
North Andover.....	130 00	
Amos Pratt, gravel.....	50	
North Reading.....	97 82	
Danvers National Bank.....	488 90	
Calvin Putnam.....	3 70	
A. W. Peabody, interest on note.....	48 72	
State Treasurer, bank tax.....	157 70	

State Treasurer, corporation tax.....	22 67
State Treasurer, state aid.....	192 00
State Treasurer, from school fund.....	221 10
State Treasurer, state paupers.....	21 43
Different persons, for cemetery lots....	33 00
County Treasurer, dog tax refunded....	90 53
John Curtis, old lumber.....	2 00
John Gage, old lumber.....	50
S. H. Dow, use of Town Hall.....	163 00
S. A. Fletcher, use of Town Hall.....	9 50
Thomas Hoyt & Co., school books....	156 22
Town of Danvers, for gravel.....	9 10
A. W. Peabody, collector.....	5,858 25

\$11,306 33

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By Cash paid Danvers National Bank on note....	\$500 00
Danvers Savings Bank on note....	1,500 00
Different persons on notes.....	313 51
as interest on Town notes.....	780 80
State Treasurer, for register.....	80
State Treasurer, for lease of pond....	15 00
County Treasurer, county tax.....	401 60
State Treasurer, state tax.....	405 00
on Selectmen and Overseer's orders.	6,491 73
A. W. Peabody, for tax book.....	75
Balance in Treasury.....	897 14

\$11,306 33

O. L. CARLETON, TREASURER.

Assessors' Valuation of Property.

Real Estate,.....	\$413,890 00
Personal Estate.....	88,965 00

\$502,855 00

Number of polls. 260

Tax on polls,..... \$520 00

Tax on real and personal estate, at \$1.48 per \$100. 7,442 25

\$7,962 25

Amount voted by the town for current expenses,	\$2,200 00
“ “ “ for reduction town debt,	1,000 00
“ “ “ for interest.....	800 00
“ “ “ for schools.....	1,500 00
“ “ “ for highways.....	1,200 00
“ “ “ for bridges.....	300 00
“ “ “ for cemetery.....	75 00
State tax.....	405 00
County tax.....	401 60
Overlay on taxes.....	80 65
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	\$7,962 25

Selectmen's Valuation of Town Property.

Town Hall and land.....	\$7,000 00
School houses and land.....	8,800 00
Cemetery.....	500 00
Hearse and house.....	400 00
Fire apparatus.....	425 00
Gravel pit.....	50 00
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	\$17,175 00

Financial Condition of the Town.

Amount due Danvers Savings Bank.....	\$4,000 00
Amount of town notes on interest.....	7,076 12
Amount due the schools.....	199 11
Amount of unsettled bills.....	125 00
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	\$11,400 23

ASSETS.

Balance in treasury as per Treasurer's account...	\$ 897 14
Amount of uncollected taxes.....	2,104 00
School books on hand.....	68 92
Due for State aid reimbursements.....	208 00

Due from North Reading.....	59 33
Due from North Andover.....	130 00
Due from L. T. Cushing.....	9 67
Due for cemetery lots.....	123 25
Balance against the town.....	7,799 92
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	\$11,400 23
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Decrease in town debt.....	\$1,305 72

JOSEPH A. BATCHELDER	} Selectmen of Middleton.
SAMUEL PEABODY,	
O. L. CARLETON,	

Middleton. February 20, 1878.

Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

*To Oscar Cram, Constable of the Town of
Middleton, in the County of Essex,*

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Middleton, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Town, on MONDAY, the Fourth Day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

ART. 3. To see how much money the town will raise to defray town charges the ensuing year, and make appropriations of the same.

ART. 4. To see how much money the town will raise to support schools the ensuing year.

ART. 5. To see how much money the town will raise to repair roads and bridges the ensuing year, and determine how the same shall be appropriated.

ART. 6. To act on a list of jurors, prepared and posted by the Selectmen.

ART. 7. To see what action the town will take concerning the cemetery.

ART. 8. To see what action the town will take in relation to letting the Town Hall.

ART. 9. To see if the town will authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting the taxes which the Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.

ART. 10. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to hire such sums of money in anticipation of the taxes, as may be necessary to meet current expenses.

ART. 11. To see if the town will vote to purchase hose, and provide a suitable place for keeping the same.

ART. 12. To see what action the town will take in relation to those travellers called tramps.

ART. 13. To hear and act on the report of the committee chosen to ascertain the best method of supplying the centre school with water.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall, and one at the Post Office in said town, seven days at least before holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-first day of February, A. D., 1878.

JOSEPH A. BATCHELDER	} Selectmen of Middleton.
SAMUEL PEABODY,	
O. L. CARLETON,	



